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STATE OF WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

TESTIMONY PRESENTED IN THE MATTER OF **ASSEMBLY BILL 949**

Date: April 14, 2010

INTRODUCTION

Good morning, Representative Black and members of the Committee. My name is Jeanne Cargill. I'm the lead worker for DNR's Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, and I've been a Clean Water Fund Program project manager for 17 years. Assembly Bill (AB) 949 directly impacts both of these funding programs. The Department of Natural Resources supports Assembly Bill 949.

This bill provides authority to the loan programs to allow them to continue running as smoothly as possible during State Fiscal Year 2011 while meeting temporary federal requirements that add complexity to both the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program and the Clean Water Fund Program. States must follow the temporary requirements for the current federal fiscal year only. These requirements were enacted as part of the federal Appropriations Act that provided funds for the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 State Revolving Fund capitalization grants.

The Appropriations Act requires each state to use a specific portion of this year's capitalization grants to provide additional subsidy to eligible applicants. AB 949 allows the Clean Water Fund Program and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program to meet this requirement by authorizing the programs to forgive a portion of a loan applicant's